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SUBJ: FINANCING OF UN FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: SOVIET UNION

1. SOVIET UN MISSION ISSUED PRESS RELEASE JANUARY 4 CONCERNING  
NOTE VERBALE SENT TO SYG WALDHEIM DECEMBER 30. TEXT  
FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM SOVIET NOTE HOW AMOUNT TO BE WITHHELD  
WAS DETERMINED, WHAT PART OF \$16.5 MILLION SOVIET ASSESSMENT  
FOR 1975/76 FOR UNEF/UNDOF WILL BE PAID AND WHEN, REASON FOR  
WITHHOLDING AT THIS TIME GIVEN FACT THAT SOVIETS HAD NOT  
OBJECTED EARLIER TO INCREASED ASSESSMENT DUE TO EXPANSION  
OF UNEF ACTIVITY, ETC. MISOFFS MET JANUARY 5 WITH USYG  
DAVIDSON IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION, BUT HE COULD  
SHED LITTLE LIGHT. DAVIDSON OFFERED: (A) SOVIET NOTE TO SYG WAS  
NOT RECEIVED AT UN UNTIL JANUARY 3 AND NOT AVAILABLE TO HIM  
UNTIL LATE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER IT WAS TRANSLATED FROM  
RUSSIAN; (B) ON JANUARY 3 AND 4 SIMILAR NOTES OF WITHHOLDING  
RECEIVED BY UN FROM BYELORUSSIA AND THE UKRAINE; (C)  
UN HAS DISCUSSED SOVIET NOTE WITH SMUN IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN  
CLARIFICATION BUT WITH NO SUCCESS TO DATE ALTHOUGH SOVIETS  
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HAVE PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE TO UN INQUIRY.

3. MISSION INTENDS TO PURSUE MATTER WITH UN SECRETARIAT  
AND WILL ADVISE ADDRESSEES ACCORDINGLY.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO PAY  
\$12.1 MILLION OF THEIR \$16.5 MILLION ASSESSMENT FOR UNEF/UNDOF

COSTS FOR 1975/76 IN TWO EQUAL TRAUNCHES OF \$6.0 MILLION EACH. AMOUNT OF \$4.4 MILLION APPARENTLY TO BE WITHHELD APPEARS TO BE CALCULATION BY SOVIETS OF THEIR SHARE OF INCREASED COST OF UNEF FOR 1975/76 OVER 1974/75. LATTER INCREASE SOVIETS APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTE TO PHASE TWO SINAI DISENGAGEMENT TO WHICH THEY WERE NOT A PARTY VIA GENEVA CONFERENCE AND FOR WHICH THEY CLAIM NO RESPONSIBILITY IRRESPECTIVE OF FACT THAT UNGA OVERWHELMINGLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND APPORTIONING THESE EXPENSES. IF SOVIETS DO WITHHOLD, IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE OF UNEF COULD BECOME SIGNIFICANT IN LONG RUN. FOR SHORT RUN, SOVIETS MAY BE USING THIS TACTIC AS A SIGNAL TO OTHER PARTIES THAT ANY FUTURE MOVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION CAN ONLY BE TAKEN WITH THE USSR AS AN INVOLVED PARTY.

5. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENT ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS DECIDED TO PAY HALF OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO FINANCING THE UN FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING FROM OCTOBER 25, 1975, AMOUNTING TO \$6,048,985.

THESE CONTRIBUTIONS DO NOT INCLUDE SUMS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE UN FORCES RELATED TO THEIR ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMANATING FROM THE EGYPT-ISRAEL AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1975. THE SOVIET UNION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS AGREEMENT CONCLUDED ON A SEPARATE BASIS AND ACTUALLY CIRCUMVENTING THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. THE SOVIET UNION, THEREFORE, CANNOT BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SAID AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE FINANCING OF ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OF THE UN FORCES RESULTING FROM THE AGREEMENT.

THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO SPECIALLY EMPHASIZE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE UN FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS, AS THE SOVIET SIDE UNDERSTANDS, OF A STRICTLY TEMPORARY NATURE, WHICH CAN NOT BE USED TO DELAY AN OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT IN THIS AREA.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE USSR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

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